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# Pilot Powers to Tell Senators His Story Of U-2 Flight Today

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U-2 Pilot Francis Gary Powers should Powers' conduct after landing and during the Russian trial be subjected to criticism, because he was generally complying with orders. Chairman Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), of the Senate Armed Services Committee, announced Powers will appear before his full Committee at 2 p. m. in his first public appearance since his release by the Soviet Union in exchange for a Communist spy.

Powers was following instructions when he did not destroy himself after his plane was forced down May 1, 1960, Director John A. McCone of the Central Intelligence Agency told two Congressional committees yesterday.

Top legislators quoted McCone as saying that neither

committees. Other lawmakers who heard McCone, however, relayed the CIA Director's feeling that Powers had done all that could reasonably have been expected of him, and was now a free agent.

"It seems Mr. Powers lived up to his contract," said Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss.).

Some indicated they felt Powers had been improperly criticized before all of the facts were out.

"Nothing succeeds like success, and Powers has been criticized because he did not succeed," said one Capitol source, who asked not to be identified. "There is nothing to indicate that he acted badly. On the contrary, he followed instructions."

This source said he thought it would be in the interest of the United States and of Powers himself for the flier to give a public accounting.

Russell, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) of the House Armed Services Committee, plan to release an unclassified

CIA report on the case at noon today.

McCone, meanwhile, will appear before the full Senate Armed Services Committee in executive session this morning to repeat what he told the subcommittees yesterday. Later today he will also go before the House and Senate Foreign Affairs Committees in executive session.

Asked yesterday by newsmen if he knew of any reason Powers could not be recommissioned in the Air Force, which he left to work for CIA, McCone said that was up to the Air Force. "Frankly, I do not know," he replied to a re-

porter's query as to Powers' present whereabouts.

What happened to the U-2 plane, while Powers was flying it at a level of about 70,000 feet, generally believed to be out of range of missiles the Soviets had at that time, was still something of a mystery.

McCone is reported to have said that the plane was sent out of control by an explosion in the tail of the ship, which Powers still cannot understand or explain. The pilot was unable to reach the button designed to destroy the ship, this source said, and had difficulty getting out and parachuting to earth.